GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:49
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
TOBACCO FARMERS
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are taking any measures to safeguard the Tobacco Farmers by assuring the Minimum Support Price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. The Tobacco Board endeavors to safeguard the farmers by regulating production in order that tobacco fetches remunerative prices.

(c)&(d): The Tobacco Board, Guntur has received requests for Market Intervention toprocure the tobacco produce from the farmers at Minimum Support Prices (MSP).However, current prices being realized by the farmers in the Andhra Pradesh auctions have not justified the demand for Market Intervention.